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FOR: System for Exchanging Data Between
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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and copies of references AE to AN listed thereon.
- 2) In view of the waiver of the requirement (see 1273 OG 55, August 5, 2003), we are not enclosing a copy of the cited US Patents and US Patent Application Publication (References AA to AD and AO).
- 3) This statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.
- 4) References AA to AD and AO are in English and references AE to AN are each accompanied by an English Abstract. Reference AI corresponds to AA, AJ corresponds to AB, and AK corresponds to AO from which their relevance can be determined in English. Therefore no further discussion of the references is required.

Also, reference AC is discussed at pages 2 to 3 of the specification.

- 5) References AE to AL and AN were categorized in relevance categories A (technological background, general state of art); and Y (*relevant to obviousness* in connection with another publication of the same category) by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, namely in the German Search Report of August 12, 2003. Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 6) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 7) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 24 are respectfully requested.

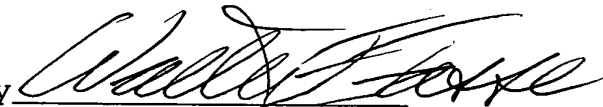
Respectfully submitted,

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